



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
<http://sbc.lacounty.gov>**

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-1780)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D.,
Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Percy Duran III,
Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó and Commissioner Theresa
Zhen

Excused: Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Susan
Burton and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Roy Sinclair. (16-1781)

Call to Order. (16-1667)

Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of
silence.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the March 23, 2016 Minutes. (16-1668)

**On motion of Commissioner Percy Duran, III, seconded by Commissioner
Donald S. Andrews, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

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II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-1669)

There was no Chair's report presented.

By the Chairperson's consent, Commissioner Montaña shared the following Daily Breeze newspaper articles with the Commission:

- **Alleged Co-Conspirator Outlines Tanaka's Role (March 30, 2016)**
- **Witnesses: Tanaka Dismissed Jail Abuses (March 26, 2016)**
- **Tanaka Corruption Trial Begins (March 25, 2016)**
- **Prospective Jurors are Asked about Police Bias (March 24, 2016)**

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3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-1670)

Staff distributed a memo from the County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Officer regarding the Mileage Reimbursement Program's update.

4. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from March 24, 2016 to March 29, 2016. (16-1671)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Bigby visited

- **San Gabriel Children's Center, Inc. "Corporate Office" (East Route 66, Suite 100, Glendora, CA) on March 29, 2016 and noted that the staff's Human Resources records were cleared and updated.**

Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D. visited:

- **Loving Life II (Hobart Street, Los Angeles, CA) on March 30, 2016 and noted that this was a follow-up inspection regarding the downstairs bathroom and staff clearance. The bathroom is in satisfactory condition; the group home staff will fax the staff's clearances to the Commission Services office.**
- **Fleming and Barnes Diamondale "Diamondale - Hawthorne" (West 115th Place, Hawthorne, CA) on March 28, 2016 and noted that the mattress in Bedroom #1 needs to be replaced; the Needs and Services Plans as well as the disaster drill log was not available for inspection. The group home staff will email the information to Commission Services staff. Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D., re-inspect in 30 days.**

Commissioners Andrews and Montaña visited:

- Dream Home Care #2 (Allington Avenue, Long Beach, CA) on March 28, 2016 and noted that the youth Personal Rights were not posted at the group home.

Commissioner Andrews visited:

- Lakewood Sheriff Station (North Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA) on March 29, 2016.

Commissioners Bhatia and Duran, III, visited:

- Central Juvenile Hall (Eastlake Avenue, Los Angeles, CA) on March 24, 2016 and noted that the facility is being remodeled.
- Los Angeles Mental Health Department 95 (San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, CA) on March 24, 2016.

Commissioner Montaña visited:

- Dream Home Care #1 (Gardenia Avenue, Long Beach, CA) on March 28, 2016 and noted that this is a good group home and staff.

Commissioners Bhatia and Zhen visited:

- Men's Central Jail - Module 9500 (Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA) on March 25, 2016 and noted that they met with numerous inmates during a town hall meeting. Commissioners listened to a range of concerns of a number of inmates including lack of getting timely medical care (only one nurse practitioner is on the morning shift and there are no doctors or nurse practitioners on the evening shift); the vents are very dirty and not filtering well; insects in the mattress; plumbing issues – water tastes salty; commissary prices are too high; there are no programs or drug treatment for registered sex offenders; and possible violation of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) rights to privacy.

5. Report from the Sybil Brand Commission's Ad-Hoc Annual Report Committee.
(Continued from the meeting of March 23, 2016)

- Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills, Ph.D. (16-1491)

A brief discussion was held regarding the draft Annual Report's content pertaining to the issues and data that should be included. Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D., and Commissioners provided input to be included. Commissioner Zhen will work with staff to compile statistical data (number of inspections conducted etc.) that is to be included.

Following discussion, this item was continued to the April 27, 2016 SBC meeting.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-ANNUAL](#)

III. DISCUSSION

6. Discussion on changing the way the Inmate Welfare Funds are distributed.
(Continued from the meeting of March 23, 2016)
- Draft letter to appointing Districts (16-1492)

This item was continued without discussion to the April 6, 2016 SBC meeting.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-1673)

The following agenda items will be placed on a future agenda:

- Discussion regarding inviting the librarian from Central Juvenile Hall and a representative from the Los Angeles County Probation Department to come and address the SBC's concerns regarding the lack of libraries in the Juvenile Halls, Probation Camps and County Jails.
- Invite the District Attorney, Public Defender and a representative from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to come and present at a future SBC meeting.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-1674)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of March 30, 2016. (16-1675)

There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of March 30, 2016 at 11:36 a.m.